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Foreword

Although Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is a very old congregation, having been organized in 1779, there are few available records. Whether or not records were never kept or were destroyed at one time or another we will never know. We only know that this is only an attempt to set down in some organized form a few of the available facts.

Histories are constantly being written and rewritten and revised. Thus it is the privilege and prerogative of any and all to write their own history of Mt. Pleasant Church. Perhaps with each attempt additional information will become accessible.

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Circuits and Charges

"Methodism did not have its origin in the New World but here it found a soil in which to have its greatest growth. It began in England in the year 1729." The above is quoted from *History of Methodism in North Carolina* by W. L. Grissom. The history of Methodism in North Carolina and the history of Mt. Pleasant Church run concurrently. To quote W. L. Grissom again: "Joseph Pilmoor, an itinerant Methodist preacher, entered North Carolina during the latter part of the year 1772, and so was the first Methodist preacher to penetrate the wilds of this region."

Methodism entered North Carolina in Halifax County. At the Baltimore Conference of May 21, 1776 four new circuits were added: Fairfax, Hanover, Pittsylvania and Carolina. Carolina was located in North Carolina. The first preachers of this first circuit in North Carolina were Francis Poythress, Edward Dromgoole and Isham Tatum. It was during Francis Poythress' years on Carolina Circuit (1776 - 1786) that Mt. Pleasant Church was organized. Grissom mentions there being in 1779 New Hope Circuit, which included portions of Orange, Chatham, Cumberland and Wake Counties.

Mt. Pleasant remained a part of New Hope Circuit until 1797, when the name of the circuit was changed to Haw River Circuit. At the Annual Conference of 1867 the Haw River Circuit was divided into two charges called the Haw River Circuit and Pittsboro Circuit. Thus Mt. Pleasant remained on Haw River Circuit until 1935, when that circuit became known as Bynum Charge.

Mt. Pleasant continued a part of Bynum Charge from 1935 through 1965, when the church became a student station. This status continued through 1972, when Mt. Pleasant, Cedar Grove

and Mann's Chapel were placed on a three-point charge and remained so until 1984. In 1984 Mt. Pleasant requested station status, which continues in 1987.

Being situated geographically as it is, this church has experienced affiliation with several different Districts in the North Carolina Conference. From 1891 until 1931, while on Haw River Circuit, Mt. Pleasant was a part of the Fayetteville District; from 1931 to 1935 and still on Haw River Circuit, it was a part of Durham District. In 1935 Bynum Charge was organized as part of Durham District and remained so until 1965, when it became a part of Burlington District. As a student station from 1965 until 1972, Mt. Pleasant belonged to Burlington District. From 1972 to the present 1987 the affiliation has been with Sanford District.

There is no record of other churches being on a charge or circuit with Mt. Pleasant prior to 1797. After that date the churches that made up Haw River Circuit may have changed from time to time. However, a Quarterly Conference record for 1854 shows the following churches: Mt. Pleasant, Cedar Grove, Brown's Chapel, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Hill, Shiloh, Chatham Church, Providence, Mt. Zion, Pittsborough, Memphis, Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Ebenezer, Walnut Grove, Merritt's Chapel, Shady Grove, Mann's School House and Lebanon.

By 1860 Hickory Mountain and Haywood had been added but some others dropped. At the last meeting in 1867 before the circuit was divided, the following churches were included: Providence, Brown's Chapel, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Hill, Hickory Mountain, Mt. Zion, Chatham Church, Haywood, Ebenezer, Merritt's Chapel, Shady Grove, Cedar Grove and Mt. Pleasant.

The next available records show Haw River Circuit in 1906 consisting of Mt. Pleasant, Bynum, Mann's Chapel, Cedar Grove and Ebenezer. Apparently Merritt's Chapel was added in 1908 and dropped in 1933. Cedar Grove and Ebenezer were dropped in 1954. In 1965 Mt. Pleasant became a student station and remained so until 1972, when it joined Cedar Grove and Mann's to form a charge. In 1984 Mt. Pleasant again became a station and maintains that status in 1987.

It is a generally accepted fact that Bishop Francis Asbury visited Mt. Pleasant during his last trip to North Carolina. How-

ever, in his *Journal* Bishop Asbury makes no mention of Mt. Pleasant by name. At that time he was very ill and feeble, having traveled thousands of miles by carriage and on horseback. He does mention being in Chatham County in 1780, 1789, and 1790. On January 21, 1790 Asbury wrote that he rode twenty miles from Merritt's Chapel on New Hope Creek in Chatham County to Widow Snipes' and preached on Isaiah XIV 22, then crossed Haw River.

Although Mt. Pleasant Church was organized in 1779, preaching services were held many years later in homes and it is entirely possible that on several of his visits to Chatham County Bishop Asbury was in the Mt. Pleasant Church community. It is our regret that the church was never referred to in his *Journal.*

Early Buildings

One might easily assume that Methodism in North Carolina had its beginnings in log cabins and this would not be far wrong. It is known that the first Mt. Pleasant Church was a log structure located about a quarter mile north of the present site.

The second building was a larger frame structure with a gallery around the sides. In his *Journal* the Rev. Thomas Mann states on May 11, 1830: "I gave him [Thomas Farrar] five dollars to aid in making pulpit and seals for the new meeting house at Mt. Pleasant or to finish paying the debt on the said house as he pleased." Part of this building remained on a nearby farm until recent years and was used as a barn.

The third Mt. Pleasant Church building was a handsome frame structure built in 1887. It had a seating capacity of 500 and was described as the "finest country church in the North Carolina Conference." It was built while the Rev. Benjamin R. Hall was pastor and was dedicated by Bishop Duncan in September 1888 during the pastorate of Rev. G. A. Oglesby. Unfortunately, this building was destroyed by fire at Christmas in 1935. Some say it was destroyed Christmas night, but there is disagreement as to the exact date.

The main entrance to the church was on the left and slightly

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, 1887 - 1935

recessed from the main body of the building. Above this entrance and vestibule was a handsome and ornate steeple, which was visible for many miles.

A balcony extended across the back of the sanctuary and was accessible by a stairway on one's right immediately upon entering the sanctuary from the vestibule. This stairway was enclosed.

An aisle ran across the back of the church. However, between this aisle and the back wall there was room for several pews. There were a center aisle and an aisle on each side wall. The area of the bay windows, which were situated on each side wall near the front of the church, accommodated several pews. These pews were placed at an angle in such a way as to face the pulpit.

To the right of the pulpit, elevated probably one step, was the choir area. On the wall to the left of the pulpit was a door opening toward the cemetery.

The building was handsome on the interior as well as from the exterior, and in consideration of when it was built, might well be called elegant. The outside was painted white and the inside walls were plastered, with wainscoting of beautiful wood in an intricate design. The altar rail was of the same wood, though not of solid construction but in a geometric pattern. The pews and pulpit were solid wood in keeping with other

wood detail of the church interior. The windows were tall and pointed, with frosted glass. This building was destroyed during the pastorate of J. F. Starnes.

Fourth Mt. Pleasant Church Building

A few days before Christmas in 1935, Mt. Pleasant Church, which was built in 1887, was destroyed by fire. This was a staggering loss to the congregation and community. However, almost immediately plans were under way for rebuilding.

There are many living in 1987 who cannot recall experiences of the Depression years, but it was during those days of economic hardship that building a new Mt. Pleasant Church was undertaken.

This building was made possible through gifts of money as well as material and labor. It would be safe to say that not a member of the church failed to contribute in some way. Logs for framing were donated and sawed at a family sawmill. There being no well on the property at that time, a day's supply of water was hauled each morning for mortar when brickwork began. This was a time of dedication and joy in the Lord's work.

Although Mt. Pleasant members were generous in sharing their means, material and labor in order to rebuild the church, it must not be forgotten that Duke Foundation contributed a sizable sum toward this project. Also, the church plans as well as guidance of the architect came through Duke Foundation. Without this aid from Duke, the economy of the country being what it was in the thirties, one may wonder if the church would have been built.

When planning began, it was decided that a smaller building would suffice. Also, instead of facing south as the old building did, it was decided that the new building should face east, toward Mann's Chapel Road. The plans called for a neat and adequate though modest brick-veneer structure.

One entered the church through a door placed in the center of the front wall. This door led into a small vestibule. On either

side of this vestibule was a Sunday School room which was separated from the sanctuary by folding doors. These rooms were used regularly until years just prior to the renovation.

There were narrow side aisles and a center aisle. Behind the pulpit there were three Sunday School rooms that were used regularly. The senior adults met for Sunday School in the sanctuary. On the left of the pulpit was the choir area. Doors on each side of the pulpit led to the three rooms in the rear.

This building was constructed during the pastorate of the Rev. J. F. Starnes in the years 1936 - 1937. It was dedicated on June 19, 1938, by Bishop Paul B. Kern while the Rev. J. C. Reichard was pastor. This church served the congregation well until the fall of 1982, when plans were made to remodel the front of the church and remodel and renovate the sanctuary.

The remodeling which took place consisted of enlarging the sanctuary by taking into it the existing vestibule and two Sunday School rooms The building was extended in order to provide a vestibule or narthex that extended across the width of the building. A porch also was added.

The remodeling and renovation occurred during the pastorate of the Rev. William B. Starnes, whose expertise and knowledge in art and architecture were invaluable throughout the project. Architects who aided in planning and directed the procedure were Wade Williams and William Keener. The builder in charge was Harold Williams.

After visiting several churches the building committee, made up of the Rev. Starnes, Jesse Fearrington, James Blake, Nancy Hodgin, and Lina B. Moore, with the help of architects, decided to proceed following a plan of colonial decor and architecture.

This renovation and remodeling was a rather ambitious undertaking for the congregation, but again Duke Foundation contributed substantially.

Basic construction of the sanctuary was retained, with the exception of the increased area at the rear. Upon taking the vestibule and Sunday School rooms into the sanctuary, it became necessary to strengthen the roof with two columns, which actually enhance the beauty of the sanctuary. It was necessary to replace the original windows, which were cathedral glass, because of their having been damaged, and glass replacements

were not available. The new windows are similar to colonial glass.

The chancel is now a divided chancel and the choir area is also divided and placed behind the two lecterns. A center aisle has as its focal point, placed on an elevation of two steps, the communion table, above which is a cross on a blue dorsal curtain. This blue dorsal curtain matches the blue of carpets and pew cushions. The Rev. Mr. Starnes made the cross.

There are no side aisles. The pews and chancel rails are mahogany. Other wood is painted a light ivory. The walls and ceiling are sheetrock painted white with a slight tint of blue. The windows have inside shutters that are painted light ivory. The light fixtures are brass, eight-branch chandeliers. After deliberation it was decided to leave the floors under the pews uncovered but have aisles, chancel area and the vestibule carpeted.

There may be members who are not entirely pleased with every detail of the renovation, but they do not express it. And visitors to worship services, weddings and for other occasions express their admiration for the beauty of the church.

We are thankful to God for his rich blessings and pray he will guide us and strengthen us in carrying on the work of the church.

The renovation was consecrated March 13, 1983, with William B. Starnes, Pastor, and Thomas Smith, District Superintendent.

Recently Constructed Buildings

In Official Board minutes of March 28, 1965, Ross Norwood offered to furnish a parsonage for two years providing the church build two restrooms. This apparently started the idea of an Educational Building.

At meetings throughout 1965 details of obtaining funds for building were discussed. The Official Board of 1965 - 1966 were: Chairman, Lina B. Moore; Trustees, Bruce Harris, Bland Moore, Ross Norwood; Building Committee, Bobby Harris, Carlton Mann, Bland Moore, Ross Norwood, Leon Mann.

On June 20, 1965, G. Lloyd Edge, Minister, was welcomed to Mt. Pleasant. On March 25, Earl Thompson made a motion to

get figures on "hulling in" the Educational Building and completing two restrooms. On May 23, Earl Thompson quoted $9,239.00 for hulling in the Educational Building and made a motion to approve the expense and allow the building committee to proceed on their own judgment. On November 14, the building committee was authorized to borrow $3,000 to start hulling in the Educational Building. On January 23, 1966, Ross Norwood reported that $2,000 had been borrowed.

On July 10, 1966, a Quarterly Conference was set for the purpose of authorizing a parsonage building committee. On July 25, Dr. Hough, D. S., held a special Quarterly Conference to elect the following building committee members: Bland Moore, James Norwood, James Mann, Leon Mann, Richard Norwood.

Land for the parsonage was donated to the church by Leon and Louise Mann. The land was accepted at a special church conference held on October 30. A motion to build a parsonage, estimated at $15,500, did not receive the required two-thirds majority and was not approved. Another vote for approval of an estimate of $12,848 on November 20 was also defeated.

On January 29, 1967, James Norwood asked the Board for suggestions to the building committee meeting scheduled for January 30. On March 12, a special Church Conference was held for the purpose of voting on another building committee recommendation, as follows: "We recommend that the church build a parsonage according to the [Rollins] Plan providing for three bedrooms, living room, kitchen and family room combined, study, 1½ baths.

"Cost: $14,625.00 contract for house
822.00 well, pump and septic tank
Total: $15,447.00

"We further recommend that the Church Conference authorize the trustees to borrow an amount not to exceed $11,000.00 for the construction of said parsonage; that the loan be for ten years making monthly payments of $122.13."

This recommendation was approved by a 46 - 0 vote!

Educational Building

The contractor for the educational building was Van Thomas. The church representative to the contractor was Ross Norwood.

Built in different phases, the structure was "dried in" and the bathrooms completed by Van Thomas during 1964 - 1965. The interior was completed by members of the church over a period of 9 years: plumbing, electrical wiring, interior walls, cabinets, painting, and appliances.

Deeds to Mt. Pleasant Church

The earliest deed to property to Mt. Pleasant Church is dated August 28, 1792. There are deeds in the Chatham County Register of Deeds office dated 1832 (1833), 1834, and 1876 that indicate land which has been deeded to Mt. Pleasant. More recently land has been purchased for the use of the cemetery. Leon and Louise Mann gave to the church the land on which the parsonage is situated.

The deed from Isaiah Burnett and James Poe to Mt. Pleasant Trustees Thomas Snipes, Thomas Farrar, Wesley Mann, John Mann, Isaac West, Lucian Burnett, Taylor Mann, and William Snipes, is dated February 15, 1833.

Churches Originally a Part of Mt. Pleasant

Having been organized in 1779 during the Revolutionary period of United States history and the year that Thomas Jefferson became governor of Virginia, Mt. Pleasant Church has experienced fluctuating growth and decline in membership. It has served as a hub for the organization of other Methodist churches. This church has felt adverse attitudes and influence at various times and in various ways, not the least of which has been having other congregations organized out of Mt. Pleasant membership.

Probably the earliest of these was the beginning of Cedar Grove Church in 1806. Next would have come in 1848, when Brown's Chapel was organized. At some point Lebanon, which

no longer exists, also was formed as an outgrowth of Mt. Pleasant. In 1859 Mann's Chapel, originally known as Mann's School House, came into being. In recent years Mann's Chapel has been closed. And the last congregation to have found its origin in Mt. Pleasant Church is Bynum Church, 1895. Upon the closing of Mann's Chapel, a part of its members chose to join Mt. Pleasant and some were arbitrarily transferred to Mt. Pleasant membership.

To continue the pattern of organizing Methodist congregations at the back door of Mt. Pleasant, the North Carolina Conference at the 1987 Annual Conference appointed a pastor to work toward establishing a new Methodist Church in North Chatham. During this conference survey to determine the need in North Chatham, Mt. Pleasant could well have used and appreciated Conference support which was not offered or given. Mt. Pleasant has supported the Conference through these many years with little or no consideration, and other instances of adverse action could be pointed out.

Worship Services

As one may note from the roster of preachers who served Mt. Pleasant over the years (p. 17-20), in the early days most often a preacher would serve a certain circuit only one year, then be moved to another appointment. These Circuit Riders visited each church on their charges so infrequently that local preachers were responsible for carrying on many worship services.

Even after the circuits became smaller and there were fewer churches to be served, transportation was such as to necessitate a preacher's visiting each church only once or twice a month. As recently as 1928, Mt. Pleasant was on a circuit with Cedar Grove, Mann's Chapel, Ebenezer, Merritt's Chapel, and Bynum. There are only so many Sunday mornings in a month; consequently, some churches did not have a morning worship service. To my knowledge, in 1956 Mt. Pleasant had worship service on the fourth Sunday morning and second Sunday afternoon.

As changes in the charges occurred, it became possible to have service each Sunday morning. There have been times when the preacher filled three Sunday morning appointments, meeting at one church at nine o'clock, then on to another at ten, and finally the last on his schedule was at eleven-fifteen. During the pastorate of Rev. William Starnes, when Mt. Pleasant became a station appointment, the worship service schedule became stabilized at eleven o'clock each Sunday morning.

Music has always been important at Mt. Pleasant. Many still remember Sankie Mann, who was song leader for many years. There have been singers among the Mann family and also in the Norwood family. Named among those who have played the organ or piano for worship services are Nell Powell, Sallie Riggsbee, Ava Mann Norwood, Mary Norwood Powell, Lessie Johnson Harris, Annette Tesh Harris, Linda Burnett Dixon, and Eleanor Edge. Although he is not a member of Mt. Pleasant, Clifford Poole, an accomplished musician, has contributed much time and expertise to the church's music program, as has Charles Tesh.

Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday School

The opening sentence of Quarterly Conference minutes of 1861 states: ". . . of the first Quarterly meeting . . . held for the Haw River Circuit with church at Cedar Grove on the 19th of January 1861." The third question asked was: "What has been done for Sabbath Schools and instruction of children?" The answer was: "The Sabbath Schools have been suspended for the winter."

At that same Quarterly Conference Sunday School superintendents were appointed for the year. T. B. Farrar was appointed for Mt. Pleasant.

Records of 1866 state that Sabbath Schools had been organized at Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Hill, Providence, Ebenezer, Merritt's Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Haywood,

and Cedar Grove, but on account of inclement weather only those at Pittsboro and Haywood had opened.

The Quarterly Conference for the Haw River Circuit, held in Pittsborough on Saturday, July 27, 1854, reported that eleven Sabbath Schools were open and most in a prosperous state. The Quarterly Conference held at Mt. Pleasant on October 2, 1854, asked the question: "What is the state and number of Sabbath Schools?" The answer was: "6 schools in a tolerable good state."

These are the Quarterly Conference reports of Sunday Schools. It may be safely assumed that Sunday School has continued at Mt. Pleasant down through the years with periods of growth in attendance and periods of decline.

A generation or two ago the community was settled by families enjoying four, six, eight, ten children. Some of these children were near enough to walk to church, so naturally attendance increased. In the present era of small families and changing age groups, Sunday School membership has declined through the years.

Some names which stand out as Sunday School Superintendents during the years are Beverly Mann, J. R. Mann, James Mann, Leon Mann, Alfred Broadhead, David Harris, Ricky Whitfield, and Charles Tesh.

Teachers who served faithfully list such names as Sankie Mann, Bunn Riggsbee, Romie Mann, Lou Pearl Norwood, Cara Moore, Corinna Harris, Ruth Mann, Lorene Norwood Ward, Lamont Norwood, Blanche Norwood, Alfred Broadhead, and Margaret Norwood. Also at times pastors' wives have taught classes; also David Fischler, Marianne Fischler, Sue Norwood, and Linda Mann Cooper.

Katie Norwood has served as church treasurer for many years. Richard Norwood serves as Sunday School secretary.

General Finances

Through the years Mt. Pleasant has somehow managed to meet all financial obligations to the Conference and locally, including whatever special projects the church undertook.

Frequently Quarterly Conference records indicate that of collections made those of Mt. Pleasant exceed those of the other churches listed. A record of 1866 shows $27.60 having been collected for foreign missions from the churches as follows: Mt. Pleasant $11.55, Haywood $6.25, Mt. Vernon $3.30, Cedar Grove $3.80, Hickory Mountain $2.00.

A Quarterly Conference record of the third quarter 1854 (1856) lists amounts paid as follows: Mt. Pleasant $22.25, Pittsborough $30.00, Mt. Zion $9.00 (?), Providence $14.00, Lebanon $2.00, Brown's Chapel $7.00, Chatham Church $10.50, Merritt's Chapel $5.00, Walnut Cove 0.00, Buckhorn 0.00, Cokesbury $6.25, Memphis $15.00, Mann's School House $5.25.

Records for the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1850 list the following payments: Mt. Pleasant $36.05, Cedar Grove $26.10, Brown's Chapel $2.00, Mt. Vernon 0.00, Pleasant Hill $50.00, Shiloh $8.62, Chatham Church $15.00, Providence 0.00, Mt. Zion $13.25, Pittsborough $8.00, Memphis $10.25, Buckhorn $59.00, Cokesbury 0.00, Ebenezer 0.00, Walnut Grove $1.00 (?), Merritt's Chapel 0.00, Shady Grove 0.00, Mann's School House 0.00, Lebanon $5.10.

The records of 1855 show Mt. Pleasant's payment to the Conference greater than any of the other twenty-one churches listed — $105.00. In 1858 Mt. Pleasant paid the greatest of eighteen churches listed — $175.00. In 1864 Mt Pleasant paid the greatest sum of seventeen churches listed — $1,000.00.

Quarterly Conference records of 1910 indicate that nothing was being done locally for the relief of the poor. However, beginning in 1912 the records indicate that the church paid H. N. Harris $10.00 per month for the care of Miss Mary Hamlet and "other objects of charity are being looked after." In 1914 the relief fund continued for Mary Hamlet and was also raised for Samantha Brown. Support of the local needy in 1916 gave way to the relief of Armenians.

Organizations

Woman's Society

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized during the pastorate of A. E. Brown, 1927 - 1930, under the guidance of his wife Hannah Brown. The first president was Cara Bland Moore.

The Society has been active from the time of its organization until the present with regular meetings and contribution of service to the Church.

The list of presidents consists of Cara B. Moore, Lou Pearl Norwood, Ruth Mann, Helen Norwood, Lessie Harris, Margaret Norwood, Hazel Tesh, Lorene Ward, Corinna Harris, Nevida Faircloth, Blanche Norwood, Linda Mann Lorbacher. These names are not listed in chronological order.

From the beginning of the Society the majority of the women in the Church were members and participated in its work. Some of the earliest members were: Myrtle Norwood, Eula Mann, Margaret Mann, Estelle Norwood, Berta Mann, Bett Mann, Inez Hobby Wortham, Lucy Gattis, Ola Norwood, Lizzie Harris, Effie Norwood, Mary Harris, and Lena Sturdivant.

Memorial Association

It was through the influence and guidance of Lee Mann and Glenn Hobby that the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Association was organized in 1946. This group has been active since and meets annually on the fourth Sunday in June in connection with Homecoming.

Monies received in the offering at the annual Homecoming go into the Association treasury and are designated for use in the upkeep of the cemetery. Also, once a year letters of invitation are mailed to relatives of many who are buried at Mt. Pleasant reminding them of Homecoming and the purpose of the Memorial Association. Through these letters a sizable sum is realized for cemetery upkeep. It is through these two sources of income that the cemetery is well kept.

Charles Mann was the first president of the Association. Others have been: Lee Mann, 1950 - 1952; Betty Norwood, 1953 - 1955; Leon Mann, 1956 - 1957; Bobby Harris, 1958 - 1962; Leon Mann, 1963 to the present.

Youth Fellowship

The youth of Mt. Pleasant have been organized over a period of years, falling into periods of inactivity and again rising with renewed enthusiasm and spirit.

Some of the leaders through the years have been the Rev. Rex Brooks, Garry Lipson, Rick Whitfield, and the Rev. David Fishler.

Special Gifts to the Church

Over the years there have been numerous memorial gifts to Mt. Pleasant Church. One of the first of these is a silver communion service presented by A. B. Carter in memory of his parents, K. C. Carter and wife.

The brass offering plates were given by Thomas A. Danek and wife Frances Danek in memory of her sister Margaret Bland Moore Milliken. The brass candlesticks and cross were given by Cara B. Moore, Lina B. Moore, and Mary E. Henley in memory of Margaret Bland Moore Milliken.

Friends of Bobby Lee Sturdivant Marler gave to Mt. Pleasant Church a brass flower container in her memory.

In April of 1983 a two-manual, digital-computer Allen organ was given by Lawrence Moore and Lina Burnett Moore in memory of their parents, Robert Joseph Moore and Cara Bland Moore, and their uncle Lucian Soule Burnett.

In December of 1984 the church steeple was given by Lessie Johnson Harris in memory of her husband James Harris. Ceiling fans for the Educational Building were made possible by gifts in memory of baby George Sears.

Prominent Figures in Church History

Names Mentioned in the *Journal* of Rev. Thomas Mann

John Fearrington Burnett
John Morgan
John Edwards
Daniel Burnett
William Edwards
Thomas Farrar
William Mann
Thomas Snipes
Wesley Mann
Isaac West
Ruben Cole
Isaiah Burnett
Roland Mann
Nathanial Husketh
Henry Mann
William Snipes
Charles Wesley Snipes
Henry Evans
Turner Bynum
Isaiah Cole
Carney Bynum
Jane Burnett
Susan Winningham
Sally Baldwin
Nancy Farrar
Nancy Williams
Elmira Norton
Betsy Smith
Betsy Norwood

Others Who Figured Prominently in Mt. Pleasant Church History But Who May Not Have Been Listed Earlier

J. B. Fearrington
Edwin M. Fearrington
J. V. Harris
S. A. Mann
J. R. Mann
R. J. Moore
B. W. Mann
A. R. Norwood
John Bunyan Fearrington
J. Wesley Harris
William F. Harris
Robert J. Sturdivant
Junius Hampton Norwood
W. Frank Norwood
John Dawson
Alph J. Norwood
William S. Norwood
Ambrose Eubanks
Carney Bynum
Luther Bynum
Benjamin Lambeth
Beverly Mann
A. D. Burnett
James A. "Ex" Norwood
Lewis Norwood
Grady Norwood
Henry Harris
T. V. Bunn Riggsbee
Dan Wortham
Ernest Hobby
Edmund Atwater
Lucian S. Burnett

Local Preachers, 1841 - 1850
Haw River Circuit

Information from Duke University Library

Lucian Burnett
Thomas Farrar
Isaiah Cole
William Snipes
John Fearrington Burnett
Pendleton Cole
Harris Tysor
Wilson Atwater
William Robson
James Gillium

Register of Pastors of Mt. Pleasant Church

beginning with information copied from records kept by
B. W. Mann and A. R. Norwood

YEAR	PASTOR
1779	James O'Kelly
	Philip Adams
1780	Francis Poythress
	John Major
1781	Philip Bruce
1782	James White
1783	Henry Willis
1784	Joshua Worley
1785	Henry Jones
1786	William Partridge
1787	John Baldwin
1788	Henry Ogbune
	John Ellis
	Nathaniel Moore
1789	Thomas Anderson
	Daily Baird
1790	Isaac Lowe
	R. Wiley
	M. Tracy
1791	J. Cannon
	F. Roper
1791	S. Edney
1792	John Foxe
	Henry Hill
	J. Jackson
1793	A. Suggs
	William Wells
1794	William Ormand
	Leonard Dyson
1795	S. Mansfield
	George Martin
1796	Philip Sands
	William Kenyon
1797	William Early
	Lewis Garrett
1798	Joseph Pennell
	Samuel Hooser
	Callin Hill
1799	Samuel Richie
1800	Robert Wilkerson
	Jesse Coe
1801	John West

YEAR	BISHOP	ELDER/SUPT.	PASTOR
1893	W. W. Duncan	J. T. Gibbs	John H. Hall
1894	W. W. Duncan	W. H. Moore	John H. Hall
1895	Alpheus W. Wilson	W. H. Moore	W. J. Crowson
1896	Alpheus W. Wilson	W. H. Moore	W. H. Pucket
1897	Alpheus W. Wilson	W. H. Moore	W. H. Pucket
1898	R. R. Hargrove	F. A. Bishop	W. H. Pucket
1899	O. P. Fitzgerald	F. A. Bishop	W. H. Pucket
1900	E. R. Hendrix	B. R. Hall	J. T. Draper
1901	H. C. Morrison	B. R. Hall	J. T. Draper
1902	R. R. Hargrove	B. R. Hall	Robert W. Bailey
1903	A. C. Smith	B. R. Hall J. B. Hurley	Robert W. Bailey
1904	W. A. Candler	J. B. Hurley	Robert W. Bailey
1905	W. A. Candler	J. B. Hurley	Robert W. Bailey
1906	A. W. Wilson	J. B. Hurley	Ed E. Rose
1907	A. W. Wilson	J. B. Hurley	Ed E. Rose
1908	C. B. Galloway	J. T. Gibbs	M. M. Watson
1909	A. W. Wilson	J. T. Gibbs	L. M. Chaffin
1910	A. W. Wilson	J. T. Gibbs	L. M. Chaffin
1911	E. R. Hendrix	R. B. John	W. H. Moore
1912	Bishop Hoss	R. B. John	W. E. Trotman
1913	J. H. McKoy	R. B. John	W. E. Trotman
1914	R. G. Waterhouse	R. B. John	E. L. Stack
1915	John C. Kilgore	J. T. Gibbs	W. E. Brown
1916	John C. Kilgore	J. T. Gibbs	W. E. Brown
1917	W. A. Candler	J. T. Gibbs	G. W. Perry
1918	U. V. W. Darlington	J. T. Gibbs	G. W. Perry
1919	U. V. W. Darlington	J. D. Bundy	G. W. Perry
1920	U. V. W. Darlington	J. D. Bundy	J. W. Autry
1921	U. V. W. Darlington	J. D. Bundy	J. W. Autry
1922	U. V. W. Darlington	J. D. Bundy	J. R. Edwards
1923	Collins Denny	R. H. Willis	J. R. Edwards
1924	Collins Denny	R. H. Willis	C. H. Caviness
1925	Collins Denny	R. H. Willis, died J. D. Bundy	C. H. Caviness
1926	Edwin D. Mouzon	J. D. Bundy	W. J. Watson
1927	Edwin D. Mouzon	J. D. Bundy	Adrian E. Brown
1928	Edwin D. Mouzon	J. D. Bundy	Adrian E. Brown
1929	Edwin D. Mouzon	W. C. Cade	Adrian E. Brown
1930	Edwin D. Mouzon	W. C. Cade	Adrian E. Brown
1931	Edwin D. Mouzon	W. C. Cade	Lester A. Tilley
1932	Edwin D. Mouzon	H. C. Smith	Lester A. Tilley
1933	Edwin D. Mouzon	H. C. Smith	Lester A. Tilley
1934	Paul B. Kern	H. C. Smith	J. F. Starnes
1935	Paul B. Kern	H. B. Porter	J. F. Starnes
1936	Paul B. Kern	H. B. Porter	J. F. Starnes
1937	Paul B. Kern	H. B. Porter	James C. Reichard
1938	Paul B. Kern	H. B. Porter	James C. Reichard
1939	W. W. Peele	A. J. Hobbs	James C. Reichard
1940	W. W. Peele	W. V. McRae	James C. Reichard

YEAR	PASTOR
1802	William Allgood
1803	Lewis Taylor
1804	Isaiah Phillips
1805	Samuel Garrard
1806	John Weaver
	Hezekiah M. Lelland
1807	William Blair
	Joel Arrington
1808	Arendell Bridges
	Thomas Y. Cook
1809	John French
	Thomas Burge
1810	John Moore
	Jesse Brown
1811	John Moore
	Jesse Branch
1812	Thomas Mann
	Peter Wyatt
	Thomas Mann
1813	Lewis Skidmore
1814	James Sandord
1815	Abraham Trail
1816	Jesse Branch
	William Peebles
1817	Hugh McCain
1818	C. S. Mooring
	Peter Doub
1819	Isaiah Harris
	Ira Parker
1820	Francis A. Ward
1821	Peter Doub
1822	Rufus Wiley
1823	Thomas Mann
	J. W. Witted
1824	Jacob Hill
	David Roberts
1825	Jacob Hill
1826	James Demahay
1827	Benton Field
	Thomas Barnum
1828	Henry J. Evans
	Benjamin Kidd
1829	William Compton
	Joseph Goodman
1830	James Reid
	John J. Hicks
1831	James Reid
	James P. Owen
1832-33	Isaac Haines
1834	John A. Millen
1835-36	Daniel Culbreth
1837	William Carter
1838	William Compton
1839	James B. Alford
1840	Daniel Culbreth
1841-42	Robert C. Maynard
1843	William H. Barnes
1844	William Jordan
1845	John Rich
	J. S. Andrews
1846	Gaston E. Brown
1847-48	William H. Barnes
	William O. Reid
1849	P. W. Archer
1850-51	J. P. St. Clair
1852	Thomas C. Moses
	O. Scoville
1853	- - - - - - - -
1854	Rufus P. Heflin
	William Richardson
1855	P. W. Archer
	Benjamin F. Long
1856	P. W. Archer
	Joseph Wheeler
1857	Robert P. Bibb
	Samuel Robinson
1858	Robert P. Bibb
1859	John Tillett
	Alexander Gattis
1860	John Tillett
1861-62	Shockley D. Adams
1863	Joseph B. Martin
	Peter Doub
1864	Joseph B. Martin
1865	H. H. Gibbons
	O. J. Brent
1866-67	H. H. Gibbons
1868-69	Oscar J. Brent
1870	Jesse A. Cunninggim
1871-74	Joseph B. Martin
1875	W. H. Moore
1876	Joseph J. Renn
1877	Joseph J. Renn
1878-79	W. H. Moore
1880-83	Joseph B. Martin
1884-85	L. H. Gibbons
1886-87	Benjamin R. Hall
1888	G. A. Oglesby
1889-90	V. A. Sharp
1891-92	L. L. Johnson

YEAR	BISHOP	ELDER/SUPT.	PASTOR
1941	W. W. Peele	A. J. Hobbs	K. F. Duval
1942	W. W. Peele	A. J. Hobbs	K. F. Duval
1943	W. W. Peele	A. J. Hobbs	K. F. Duval
1944	W. W. Peele	A. J. Hobbs	K. F. Duval
1945	W. W. Peele	H. C. Smith	Grover C. Kinlaw
1946	W. W. Peele	H. C. Smith	Grover C. Kinlaw
1947	W. W. Peele	H. C. Smith	Daniel Boone
1948		H. C. Smith	Daniel Boone
1949	W. W. Peele	E. L. Hillman	John W. Cline
1950	W. W. Peele	E. L. Hillman	John W. Cline
1951	Paul N. Garber	E. L. Hillman	John W. Cline
1952	Paul N. Garber	E. L. Hillman	John W. Cline
1953	Paul N. Garber	E. L. Hillman	W. C. Shaw
1954	Paul N. Garber	W. L. Clegg	W. C. Shaw
1955	Paul N. Garber	W. L. Clegg	R. N. Robertson W. Warren Bishop
1956	Paul N. Garber	W. L. Clegg	W. Warren Bishop
1957	Paul N. Garber	C. D. Barclift	W. Warren Bishop
1958	Paul N. Garber	C. D. Barclift	Frank I. Lloyd, Jr.
1959	Paul N. Garber	C. D. Barclift	Frank I. Lloyd, Jr.
1960	Paul N. Garber	C. D. Barclift	Frank I. Lloyd, Jr.
1961	Paul N. Garber	C. D. Barclift	Frank I. Lloyd, Jr.
1962	Paul N. Garber	O. L. Hathaway	Frank I. Lloyd, Jr.
1963	Paul N. Garber	O. L. Hathaway T. B. Hough	J. M. Short
1964	Paul N. Garber	T. B. Hough	J. M. Short
1965	Paul N. Garber	T. B. Hough	G. Lloyd Edge
1966	Paul N. Garber	T. B. Hough	G. Lloyd Edge
1967	Paul N. Garber	T. B. Hough	G. Lloyd Edge
1968	Paul N. Garber	T. B. Hough	G. Lloyd Edge
1969	W. R. Canon	T. B. Hough	Richard Fife
1970	W. R. Canon	Fischer	Rex Brooks
1971	W. R. Canon	Fischer	Rex Brooks
1972	W. R. Canon	J. A. McCallum	Rex Brooks
1973	R. M. Blackburn	J. A. McCallum	Rex Brooks
1974	R. M. Blackburn	J. A. McCallum	Rex Brooks
1975	R. M. Blackburn	J. A. McCallum	Rex Brooks
1976	R. M. Blackburn	J. A. McCallum	Christian Wilson
1977	R. M. Blackburn	Clyde G. McCarver	Christian Wilson
1978	R. M. Blackburn	Clyde G. McCarver	Christian Wilson
1979	R. M. Blackburn	Clyde G. McCarver	Stephen Heilakka
1980	W. R. Canon	Clyde G. McCarver	J. Michael Eason
1981	W. R. Canon	J. Thomas Smith	William B. Starnes
1982	W. R. Canon	J. Thomas Smith	William B. Starnes
1983	W. R. Canon	James C. P. Brown	William B. Starnes
1984	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James C. P. Brown	William B. Starnes Dennis Spaulding
1985	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James C. P. Brown	David Fischler
1986	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James C. P. Brown	David Fischler
1987	C. P. Minnick, Jr.	James C. P. Brown	David Fischler